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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-referenced case in response to the **Notice Requiring Excess Claims Fees** dated December 12, 2011. The fee for two excess independent claims is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

A clean listing of the Claims begins on page 7 of this paper.